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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE  
LITIGATION

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EDWIN SARMIENTO AND NORA SARMIENTO,

21 MC 102 (AKH)

Civil Action No.: 07 CV 4515

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Plaintiff(s),

- against -

160 WATER ST., INC., 160 WATER STREET ASSOCIATES,  
25 BROADWAY OFFICE PROPERTIES LLC, 63 WALL  
STREET INC., 63 WALL, INC., 90 CHURCH STREET  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ACTA REALTY CORP., ALAN  
KASMAN DBA KASCO, AMBIENT GROUP, INC., ANN  
TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, BANKERS TRUST  
COMPANY, BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY, BELFOR  
USA GROUP, INC., BFP ONE LIBERTY PLAZA CO., LLC,  
BLACKMON-MOORING-STEAMATIC CATASTROPHE, INC.  
D/B/A BMS CAT, BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY  
OF NEW YORK, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE  
HUDSON VIEW EAST CONDOMINIUM, BOSTON  
PROPERTIES, INC., BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL  
PROPERTIES, INC., BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL  
PROPERTIES, LP, BROOKFIELD PARTNERS, LP,  
BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES CORPORATION,  
BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES HOLDINGS INC., BROWN  
BROTHERS HARRIMAN & CO., INC., BT PRIVATE  
CLIENTS CORP., DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES,  
DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY, DEUTSCHE BANK  
TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST  
CORPORATION, ENVIROTECH CLEAN AIR, INC., G.L.O.  
MANAGEMENT, INC., GENERAL RE SERVICES CORP.,

GPS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC., HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC., HUDSON VIEW EAST CONDOMINIUM, HUDSON VIEW TOWERS ASSOCIATES, INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, INC., KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES CO., MERRILL LYNCH & CO, INC., NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS, INC., NEW LIBERTY PLAZA LP, NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NEW YORK CITY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, NEW YORK CITY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, NOMURA HOLDING AMERICA, INC., NOMURA SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL, INC., ONE LIBERTY PLAZA, RY MANAGEMENT CO., INC., RY MANAGEMENT, SABINE ZERARKA, STRUCTURE TONE (UK), INC., STRUCTURAL TONE GLOBAL SERVICES, INC., THAMES REALTY CO, THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY NA, THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE ONE LIBERTY PLAZA CONDOMINIUM (CONDO #1178), THE ONE LIBERTY PLAZA CONDOMINIUM (CONDO #1178), TISHMAN INTERIORS CORPORATION, TOSCORP INC., TRIBECA LANDING L.L.C., TUCKER ANTHONY, INC., VERIZON COMMUNIC, ET AL.,

Defendant(s).

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COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, as and for their responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8, 2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's, Answer to the Master Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off

Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

Dated: New York, New York  
October 15, 2007

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